

SHE TALKS WITH NYE.

A CHAMBERMAID DWELLS FEELINGLY ON LIFE IN CONEY ISLAND.

Her Life as Viewed from the Standpoint of One of the 400—An Experience at the Theatre—The Census and Nye's List of Questions.

(Copyright by Edgar W. Nye.) AT THE HOTEL, Room 13.—She has just come. I was about beginning this letter in my room when some one tried the door by throwing his whole being against it, then rattling the knob and afterward inserting a pass key. For some time my own key on the inside of the lock prevented the other from entering, but finally it tottered and fell to the floor. Then the lock moved and the door opened. A tall girl, with a porous jersey and a horse footfall, entered the room.

"I DO NOT LOVE MY CALLING." My richly caparisoned robe de nuit lay across the foot of the bed. She caught it firmly by the sleeve and flung it into the wardrobe. I said: "Bon jour, Mme. O'Selle." She did not reply. Long at catching a pillow by the corner she shook it dexterously on the floor. Then she snubbedly yanked the case off the other, and afterward skinned off the sheets. When I would resume my writing she would pause in her duties and look at me furtively. When I looked up again she would resume her handiwork. She was rather plain; not the kind of plainness that often goes along with great mental power, but the kind that you might expect in a hippopotamus that had no early advantages except a hare lip. She seemed to think it odd that I should be in my room writing at that hour of the day while there was a baseball game going on. She did not understand that I was a litterateur.

Finally I could bear the restraint no longer; so, politely raising my hat, which had been on the bureau all this time, I asked:

"Do I address the chambermaid?" "You do," she said shyly, as she threw the mattress across the footboard, knocking the prothibitoric dust out of it in a beautiful cloud.

"What do you mind telling me whether you are perfectly happy?" I exclaimed. "Oh, no, I am not happy a little bit," she murmured.

"And do you not love your calling?" "No, I do not love my calling. Why should I love my calling? I love to mingle with the glad throng. I was born on Coney Island, where I was one round of pleasant as the French say, every day. My father was an artist. He had an atelier on the beach, where he took his types 'in a group.' Like all artists he was improvident. His tastes were far in advance of his income. But he loved my mother truly, and when not writing for his art, he would often recall the wringer for her."

"And you were happy then?" "Ah, yes. So happy! So happy! I partook of my father's artistic tastes, but physically I resemble my mother. She cared nothing for art, but could catch a barrel of pork by the chimes and throw it into a wagon, and all by her own self."

"And what makes you unhappy now?" "The hungry waves ate into the beach, and the rhuibarb pie is eat into by the laughing boy. The red flag of the auctioneer arose on the Du John tower of the big hotel. The kodak knocked the talents out of my pale, artist father and he took to drink. Run out of his money, he foolishly stole away his brains, returning them with thanks, however, on the following day."

"And this business is not congenial to you?" "No, it is not. I pant for the smell of the salt sea. In me driest I hear the glad voices of Coney Island, and I think of those happy times when the beautiful South Beach on Staten Island had not robbed us of our bread and drawn away the merry throng. I also loved a fragile young street car driver on the Broadway line. He was a lala. He was an excellent horseman, and when the reins in his strong hands he did not fear the most fiery steed. I do not think he knew what fear was. I've seen a team cut up from Coney Island, whether he had come to breathe a few yows into my ear, a policeman that weighed over 300 pounds, and who had not clubbed any one for so long that the other police chaffed him and poked fun at him, dejected Hiram into an alley and beat out quite a large quantity of his brains, from the loss of which he never fully recovered."

"What did you do to service?" "I had to go out to the theatre, as they say in the English books. I spent one summer, however, at Heidelberg, training my voice for chamberwork. Then I went to Milan, where I learned how to make up a bed with accordion pleating across the top. I also learned how to give a bed an air of plumpness even when in a state of collapse. Now I can get a job any time. Yesterday I was offered a job in a new play in New York. You know that all good plays have a chambermaid in the first act that comes in and claims to dust the furniture, and also wanders where the butler is. She generally wears a solitary alarm ring, and don't know how to dust a chair no more than a person could refrain from scorching a feather. So I can take that place and also throw out the villain at the close of the act, for I inherited the mother's gift of strength together with my father's love of art."

"And so you would leave this profession which you now adorn?" "Yes, I am tired of resting on my inferior and making up beds for disagreeable people, in whom I take no interest, to muss again."

"She then gathered up her traps and started for the door, but before she did so she told me in a few well chosen words, taken from the best Fireside Story paper, mingled with Coney Islandisms, dom of hotel life and to once more be free. I think she will go on the stage. I would not be surprised if, as a result of it, the stage takes to its wings and flies. At the hotel table yesterday I saw a face that I had seen before, but I could not remember where. I have now

reached that age where I prevaricate in that direction some, for I cannot remember names any more, and so when this gentleman bowed I did so, and talked on pleasantly. He asked me all about Buffalo Bill and Herbert Spencer and Steve Brodie and President Carnot and Marshall Wilder and Neil Vanderbilt and all of our folks, so I knew that he moved in our set. Then he asked me to excuse him, but there looked to him to be a foreign substance in among the leaves of my salad. I paved over the lettuce and discovered in it a new dollar bill. I thanked the gentleman for his kindness, and said I was getting so absent minded now that I was liable to go away some time and leave a whole fortune in the hotel sugar bowl. He said he was that way too.

"Now, for instance, I left something or other over there in that finger bowl, I believe. Will you be kind enough to look in it and see?" I examined the finger bowl and found his diamond ring in the bottom of it. When I got through meal I decided to go and see some sort of show. I went to see Herrmann. When he came on the stage I remembered who it was that ate dinner with me.

The performance did not run very smoothly, owing to the orchestra, which was a local affair. In one place the performer looked dependent on the orchestra for his cue, as the whole thing moves along with the music. It is a part of the programme called Black Art, wherein various skeletons came out of their damp, ill ventilated graves at a late hour of the night and dance the hornpipe or remove their skulls to show the audience. Just when, keeping time to the music all the while, Herrmann had endeavored to impress upon him that the members of the orchestra must pay strict attention to their business, for he depended on the music.

When it got to this part of the programme the magician discovered that the leader had loaded his truscan jaw with a giant jaw of tatti frutti gum, and was keenly enjoying the show. Herrmann motioned him to go on with the music, and he spread out his wings as a sign for the orchestra to start in. As one glances gently after another got out of his malarial grave and shook out the kinks in his skeleton, the orchestra began to play more and more piano. The man who administers the clarinet to himself every evening swallowed the first joint of his instrument, and then seemed to freeze with horror at the picture on the stage. All at once a slim little ghost crawled out of his grave, and taking out a carpet tack which had been in the bottom of his coffin no doubt for years and jabbing him in the back, he seemed to breathe a sigh of relief, and turning a hand spring on the top of a tall monument worth \$250.

Then the man who plays the adjustable brass pulled the instrument out to its fullest extent and forgot to put it back again. More and more the orchestra seemed to get interested in the show and less in its music. The drummer made four passes as the French say, and then panned with an unborn note, still trembling on his lips. Finally as the ghostly turndust went on, the orchestra got so diminished that an old blind man with a croupy base tuba, was the only musician who seemed to be earning his salary.

Then Professor Herrmann came out on the stage and made a few desultory remarks to the orchestra personally. He began to remove gum from the jaws of the orchestra, and some said he got eight pounds, but I think that is putting it too high. Between six and seven words, I think, he big enough. At this moment the drummer sought to reply. A little discussion arose between him and the professor, and when it closed the drummer was not there. The next day, I am told, he was found inside the base drum.

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An interesting feature of the history of the power is that a Chicago banker named Hubbard, agreed to furnish the money to Turner to buy the land, and when it was demanded he furnished but \$18,000, for which he took the deed and never afterward accounted for it. A suit in chancery followed, and while Turner got a decree he never recovered anything further. There are 148 conveyances in the abstract, which is naturally very complicated, and has required a great deal of pains and time in preparing it.

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